

SAFETY ALERT

POTENTIAL CLASS 1 – STRUCK BY MOVING OBJECT

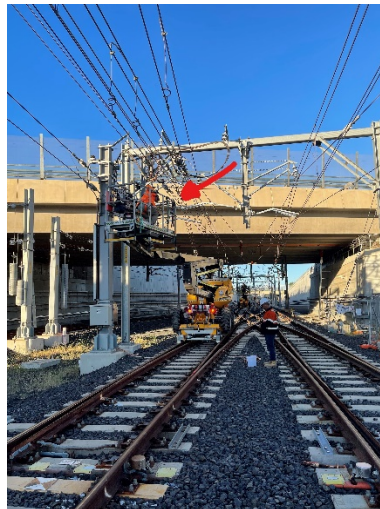
Sydney Rail Operations

On Saturday 10th April a Laing O'Rourke employee (Linesman) has been struck in the head (behind the right ear) by the catenary wire that the linesman was attempting to bring to its final position with a chain block on an insulator suspended from a cantilever tower.

The work team were working to install catenary from an Elevated Working Platform (EWP). For reasons undetermined the chain block has failed resulting in a section of catenary wire striking the Linesman resulting in a large laceration to the Linesman's head (behind the right ear).

Due to the force of the catenary wire impacting the Linesman's head, the Linesman head subsequently impacted the top handrail of the EWP resulting in a second large laceration to the head (behind the left ear).

The Linesman was taken to hospital via NSW Ambulance Service. NSW Work Cover attended the site and an incident investigation has commenced. Further information will be distributed as it is provided.



Considerations

The implementation and monitoring of the critical controls in FSR Plant and Equipment must be adhered to, including ensuring that:

- Plant is inspected before mobilisation and before use.

All workplaces should review their current and planned activities involving lifting and rigging equipment to ensure appropriate controls are in place and are working effectively, in particular:

- Personnel involved in lifting operations are trained and competent
- Lifting operations are effectively planned and managed
- Plant is operated in a safe manner
- Lifting gear is certified and fit for use

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